

Appln. No. 10/782,120
Amendment dated May 15, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed February 14, 2006

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 through 9 and 12 remain in this application. Claims 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13 and 4 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 15 and 16 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Part 1 of the Office Action

Claims 4, 6, and 11 have been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claims 4, 6, and 11 have been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 4, 6, and 11 is therefore respectfully requested.

Parts 2 through 6 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 3, 6, 7, and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Spadero.

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadero.

Claims 7 through 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadero in view of Fawcett.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadero in view of Gugel et al.

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spadero in view of Fawcett, and further in view of Gugel et al.

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Claims 1 through 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gugel et al. in view of Fawcett and Klepac.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "a power supply assembly mounted on said ladder assembly for providing a power source, said power supply assembly comprising a switch mounted on said ladder assembly and being operationally coupled to said light fixture assembly to control supply of power to said lighting assembly from a power source, a cord member connected to said switch and being selectively couplable to the power source for transferring power from the power source to said switch member when said cord member is operationally coupled to the power source, and an outlet member mounted on said ladder assembly and being operationally coupled to said cord member for receiving power from the power source through said cord member when said cord member is operationally coupled to the power source" and "wherein said lighting assembly comprises at least one light fixture assembly pivotally mounted on said deck member of said ladder assembly such that said at least one light fixture assembly is pivotable with respect to said deck member".

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combinations of Spadero, Fawcett, Gugel et al, and Klepac set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claim 1. Further, claims 4, 5, 7 through 9 and 12, as well as new claims 15 and 16, which depend from claim 1, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1, 4, 5, 7 through 9 and 12 is therefore respectfully requested.

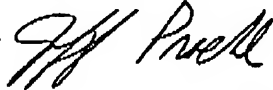
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CONCLUSION

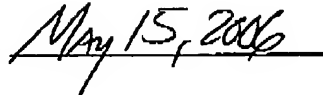
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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